

# Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico

Monthly Update - August 2017



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The end of the summer season is fast approaching and with that brings the start of the new school year. In the coming weeks, kids throughout the city and the Blair County area will be returning to school.

Please be mindful of frequent bus stops, parents dropping their children off at school, and kids walking to school and using the crosswalks. Additionally, pay close attention to your speed in school zones during school hours.

PSA: It is state law to yield to pedestrians who are crossing in marked crosswalks. Please be vigilant and stop for pedestrians in marked crosswalks, especially around the local schools and the downtown Penn State Altoona campus.

Help keep our kids safe!



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## REMINDER: National Night Out Against Crime

REMINDER: The City of Altoona will be sponsoring a "National Night Out Against Crime" event this Tuesday, August 1st from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in Heritage Plaza in Downtown Altoona.

National Night Out is an annual event held nationwide to promote and enhance police-community partnerships and neighborhood relationships to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

During Altoona's "National Night Out Against Crime," various agencies will


be hosting displays including Altoona Police Department, Altoona Fire Department, AMED, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, Operation Our Town, Because We Care Foundation, UPMC Altoona, Stop the Bullying Hotline, Kids Peace, City of Altoona/City Council, Family Services, and Contact Altoona.

The event will be interactive and will showcase an Altoona Police Vehicle, an Altoona Firetruck, the computer forensic van from the Office of the Attorney General, and a law enforcement tactical truck.

Additionally, the event will feature various delicious food vendors from throughout Altoona, including Doug's Dawgs, Stumps Sreatery, Salsa's Food Truck, Great Gourmet Cinnamon Co., and Mountain View Sausage Co.

A free concert by "Kicked In" will take place at 7:00pm. Come out and support this great event!

— A Good Night To Get To Know Your Neighbors —




# National Night Out Against Crime

**Tuesday, August 1st**  
• 6pm-9pm •  
**Downtown Heritage Plaza**



**FREE CONCERT**  
Starting at 7pm by  
"Kicked In"

★★★★★  
**COME EAT**  
from local vendors:

- Doug's Dawgs
- Stumps Sreatery
- Salsa's Food Truck
- Great Gourmet Cinnamon Co.
- Mountain View Sausage Co.



Sponsored by  
**CITY OF ALTOONA**



**Enjoy a  
Fun Night  
Out Against  
Crime**  
with local police, fire,  
and first responders

City Council will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 9th at 7:00PM. The meeting will take place at City Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue.

To view the full schedule for City Council meetings in 2017, click here:

[2017 City Council Meeting Schedule](#)

## "Celebrate Altoona Night" at the Curve

It's almost here - the inaugural "Celebrate Altoona Night" at the Altoona Curve! Come cheer the Curve to a victory against Reading Fightin Phils!

The game will take place on Thursday, August 10th and will feature city-themed vendors, city-themed games and a special city-themed giveaway to game attendees. The game gets underway at 7:00p.m.

Mayor Matt Pacifico will be throwing out the first pitch that evening, and will present the Altoona Curve with a proclamation and the key to the City.

The night will feature specials at the concession stands, including \$1 hot dogs and \$2 specials on certain beverages.

After the game, all kids in attendance will have the opportunity to participate in the Kids' Run and run the bases on the field.

You don't want to miss it! Head to the Altoona Curve's website to get your tickets today:

[Altoona Curve Homepage](#)

## Mayor's Youth Council

Mayor Matt Pacifico has recently established a Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) to engage more young people in the community.

The purpose of the MYC is to provide area high school students the opportunity to share their ideas and concerns about issues young people face today. From advising the Mayor on key priorities to acting as a liaison

between the school hall and City Hall, the MYC works together to give a voice to young people across our community.

Similar initiatives are currently ongoing in cities around the country, as well as national youth conference held yearly by the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C.

The Mayor is seeking an engaged group of approximately 20 high school juniors and seniors from across Altoona to participate on the MYC. In order to be considered for participation, interested students will need to complete an application and provide two letters of recommendation.

The application will be open to junior and senior students who attend the Altoona Area High School and Bishop Guilfoyle High School. The MYC will take place during the school year and will require that students apply on a yearly basis to participate.

Students will meet once a month at approximately 3:15p.m. for one hour. The meeting location will alternate between Altoona Area High School and Bishop Guilfoyle High School each month. The MYC will officially meet in November 2017.

**The application period will open Monday, August 21, 2017. The deadline to submit applications and recommendation letters will be Friday, September 29, 2017.**

Once the application period opens, the application materials will be available online at <http://www.altoonapa.gov>, on the Mayor's webpage.

For questions, please contact Stephanie Burgess, Legislative Aide to Mayor Matt Pacifico, at [sburgess@altoonapa.gov](mailto:sburgess@altoonapa.gov) or 814-949-2476.

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## **Ribbon Cutting for Martin's New Food & Beverage Aisle**

On July 14th, Mayor Pacifico attended the ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the new food and beverage aisle located within Martin's Foods on Pleasant Valley Boulevard.

The new food and beverage center will provide a number of prepared food options, both hot and cold; a variety of new beverages; and dine-in options.





## Altoona Featured on PML Magazine

The City of Altoona was selected as a winner of a photo contest held by the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML). Mayor Pacifico submitted photos best representing the city for a chance to be featured on the cover of PML's bi-monthly magazine, *Municipal Reporter*, which goes to municipalities, mayors, and organizations/agencies throughout the state.

Altoona will either be featured on the Summer/Fall or Winter edition of the magazine. We will keep you posted on which edition and when the magazine will be coming out.

Altoona's winning photo, taken by Chris Peters of Nova 6 Studios:



## Beautification Initiatives Applications

Mayor Matt Pacifico initiated a Beautification Policy in an effort to meet one of his goals, which is to make the City of Altoona a better place to live.

The following Beautification Initiatives give residents, businesses and organizations numerous opportunities to support Mayor Pacifico and to help to make our City more livable:

- Adopt-A-Median
- Adopt-A-Spot
- Public Right-Of-Way Project

To view the applications or apply for an above initiative, please click here:

**[Mayoral Beautification Initiatives](#)**

## Because We Care Foundation's Annual Gala

The Because We Care Foundation will be holding its Annual Gala on



November 11, 2017 at 6:00p.m. at the Bavarian Hall, 112 S. 13th Street, Altoona, PA.

Because We Care is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide personalized teddy bears to local law enforcement officers, so they can provide them to children in the community who might need them during a difficult time.

For more information, please visit the Because We Care Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BecauseWeCareAltoona/](https://www.facebook.com/BecauseWeCareAltoona/) or contact Jessica DiGennaro, President, at 814-515-3472 or [becausewecarealtoona@yahoo.com](mailto:becausewecarealtoona@yahoo.com)

**Because We Care Foundation**

## Beekeeping Workshop

The Blair County Urban Ag Program is hosting a beginner beekeeping workshop at the Altoona Library on August 17th from 5:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. Come join your fellow residents and learn how to safely keep bees!

BEGINNER BACKYARD

**BEEKEEPING**

W O R K S H O P



Hosted by: Blair County Conservation District

**August 17h**



**5:30-8:00 PM**



**Altoona Library**

1600 5th Ave, Altoona, PA 16602

Come learn about how to keep bees in the city of Altoona on August 17th at the Altoona Library! Learn the benefits of beekeeping and how your efforts can help save the pollinators.

**FREE**  
**NO REGISTRATION**

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**Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico**

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